

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method for selling and arranging shipment of goods, using a network, said method comprising:

5 receiving from a buyer an order to buy said goods;
presenting to said buyer a buyer-preferred delivery option; and
in response to said buyer selecting said buyer-preferred delivery option, making said goods available for pick-up by said buyer's preferred delivery agency.

10 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
communicating, to said buyer's preferred delivery agency,
shipping information regarding said goods, wherein said shipping information includes an identifier of said goods, and a time and
15 a place for pick-up of said goods by said buyer's preferred delivery agency.

20 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
communicating, to said buyer, shipping information regarding said goods, wherein:
said shipping information includes an identifier of said goods,
and a time and a place for pick-up of said goods by said buyer's preferred delivery agency; and
said buyer sends said shipping information to said buyer's
25 preferred delivery agency.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
communicating to said buyer the price of said goods, without added shipping costs.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

communicating to said buyer information to lead said buyer to select a certain delivery agency as said buyer's preferred delivery agency.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

retrieving additional information, previously stored, regarding said buyer's preferred delivery agency.

7. A method for buying and arranging shipment of goods, using a network, said method comprising:

sending an order for said goods to a seller, wherein said order specifies a buyer-preferred delivery option;

in response to a request from said seller, sending data regarding a buyer's preferred delivery agency to said seller;

sending payment information to said buyer's preferred delivery agency, to arrange said buyer's payment to said buyer's preferred delivery agency;

receiving shipping information from said seller; and

sending said shipping information to said buyer's preferred delivery agency, wherein said buyer's preferred delivery agency uses said shipping information to arrange to pick up said goods from said seller.

8. A method for buying and arranging shipment of goods, using a network, said method comprising:

sending an order for said goods to a seller, wherein said order specifies a buyer-preferred delivery option;

in response to a request from said seller, sending data regarding

a buyer's preferred delivery agency to said seller; and

sending payment information to said buyer's preferred delivery agency, to arrange said buyer's payment to said buyer's preferred delivery agency;

wherein:

5 said seller sends shipping information to said buyer's preferred delivery agency; and

said buyer's preferred delivery agency uses said shipping information to arrange to pick up said goods from said seller.

10 9. A method for arranging shipment of goods purchased from a seller, said method comprising:

providing a first computer in communication with a communications network;

15 inputting into said first computer an order from a buyer to buy said goods, along with a request for shipment of said goods to said buyer via said buyer's preferred delivery agency;

transmitting from said first computer, over said communications network, shipping information regarding said goods, said shipping information including an identifier of said goods, and a time and a place for pick-up of said goods by said buyer's preferred delivery agency;

20 providing a second computer in communication with said communications network;

receiving, via said second computer and said communications network, said shipping information; and

25 transmitting a signal, from said second computer, to direct the transportation of said goods to said buyer via said buyer's preferred delivery agency, based on said shipping information.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
receiving, via said second computer, information to arrange
payment of shipping costs by said buyer to said buyer's preferred
delivery agency.

11. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
transmitting a signal, from said first computer, to make said
goods available for pick-up by said buyer's preferred delivery
agency.

12. A system for arranging shipment of goods purchased from a
seller, said system comprising:
a first computer in communication with a communications network;
means for inputting into said first computer an order from a
buyer to buy said goods, along with a request for shipment of
said goods to said buyer via said buyer's preferred delivery
agency;
means for transmitting from said first computer, over said
communications network, shipping information regarding said
goods, said shipping information including an identifier of said
goods, and a time and a place for pick-up of said goods by said
buyer's preferred delivery agency;
a second computer in communication with said communications
network;
means for receiving, via said second computer and said
communications network, said shipping information; and
means for transmitting a signal, from said second computer, to
direct the transportation of said goods to said buyer via said
buyer's preferred delivery agency, based on said shipping
information.

13. The system of claim 12, further comprising:
means for receiving, via said second computer, information to
arrange payment of shipping costs by said buyer to said buyer's
preferred delivery agency.

14. The system of claim 12, further comprising:
means for transmitting a signal, from said first computer, to
make said goods available for pick-up by said buyer's preferred
delivery agency.

15. A computer-usable medium having computer-executable
instructions for arranging shipment of goods, using a first
computer and a second computer in communication with a
communications network, said computer-executable instructions
comprising:
means for inputting into said first computer an order from a
buyer to buy said goods, along with a request for shipment of
said goods to said buyer via said buyer's preferred delivery
agency;
means for transmitting from said first computer, over said
communications network, shipping information regarding said
goods, said shipping information including an identifier of said
goods, and a time and a place for pick-up of said goods by said
buyer's preferred delivery agency;
means for receiving, via said second computer and said
communications network, said shipping information; and
means for transmitting a signal, from said second computer, to
direct the transportation of said goods to said buyer via said
buyer's preferred delivery agency, based on said shipping
information.

16. The computer-usable medium of claim 15, further comprising:
means for receiving, via said second computer, information to
arrange payment of shipping costs by said buyer to said buyer's
preferred delivery agency.

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17. The computer-usable medium of claim 15, further comprising:
means for transmitting a signal, from said first computer, to
make said goods available for pick-up by said buyer's preferred
delivery agency.

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